SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1904.

OIL MAKES FIRE SPECTACLE,

FLAMES FROM BURNING PAINT FACTORY LIGHT RIVER FRONT.

Engines From Manhattan and Fireboats With Salt Water Help Conquer Blaze Which Destroys Devoe & Raynolds Warehouses and Threatens Gas Tanks.

A big fire which consumed the paint factory of F. W. Devoe and C. T. Raynolds gave Brooklyn quite a fright last night. Four alarms were turned in for it, and four engines were sent to help from this city. Chief Croker hastened over the Bridge in his automobile and took command.

The flames gained great headway owing to the little resistance given to them by water at the start. The main that supplies the district was laid years ago and at times the water merely dripped from the hose nozzles. After Chief Croker arrived the water gave out entirely on three different

The three fireboats, with their huge streams of salt water, really conquered the flames and prevented them from spreading to adjoining factories. Chief Croker and Fire Commissioner Hayes, who also went to the fire, said the blaze was a forceful argument in favor of salt water hydrants.

The contents of the buildings, varnish. paint and linseed oil, made the blaze one of the most spectacular that has been seen here in years. The burning of one five story warehouse threw an enormous torch of flame high in the air above every building in the neighborhood. It illuminated the entire water front of this section of Brooklyn and craft on the East River could be distinguished as if it were noonday.

The burned factory fronted on both Plymouth and John streets and took in almost the entire block between Gold street and Hudson avenue. On these two streets is a fringe of tenement houses, whose oc-cupants, numbering fifty families, were driven to the street by the police.

What gave Brooklyn such a fright was the fact that directly in the rear of the burned factory is the Brooklyn Union Gas Company. The sheet of flames that arose from the burning paint and oil circled around three huge tanks containing 1,000,000

Every one who lived within a mile of the burning building knows of the presence of the gas tanks, and the cry: "The tanks are going to blow up," spread quickly and caused terror among the occupants of tenement houses in the vicinity. Excited Italians six blocks away packed up their household effects and carried them to the

The fire was discovered in a two story ned in the rear of the boilers of the paint actory about 8 o'clock by a watchman. ile sounded an alarm, and Battalion Chief Duffy sent in a second as soon as he arrived. The flames spread rapidly, and the firemen had no end of trouble in getting water forced through the hose lines. When the blaze spread to the big warehouse, in which were stored varnish, paint and 5,000 gallons of linseed oil, Chief Duffy sent in a third and a fourth alarm in rapid succession. This brought sixteen engine companies. The fireboat Havemeyer soon appeared, and by this time Chief Croker had arrived. He immediately turned in special signals calling the fireboats New Yorker and David A. Boody, together with four engines from the lower end of Manswered from the Brooklyn side, but the Seth Low has been in dry dock since early in January.

The fire, shortly after Chief Croker's arrival, appeared to be under control, but suddenly the water supply gave out. The flames then got a fresh start and spread to the entire section facing on John street. A high wind from the west fanned the blaze toward the gas tanks and the employees started to force their contents to the yards a block away, where four huge tanks are located.

It took just thirty minutes to empty the tanks near the fire and in the meantime the firemen turned a dozen lines of hose

The wind for a short period shifted and drove the flames to the rear of nine tenement houses that face on Hudson avenue. Chief Croker ordered the police to clear these, and they did so. The tenement houses on the Gold street side were also

By this time the fireboats got to work with their six-inch streams of salt water and with this supply the firemen raked the rear of the Hudson avenue tenements and those on Gold street. The Brooklyn Water Department had been communicated with and a slight improvement in the land supply was noticed.

It was nearly midnight before Chief Croker felt satisfied that the blaze was under control. It had been confined entirely to the paint factory with the exception of the damage done to the Hudson avenue tenement houses.

One fireman was badly hurt by falling from a ladder on the John street side. He is Frank Maher of Engine Company 126. While climbing up the ladder he fell thirty feet to the street. His back was wrenched and he may have internal injuries. He was taken to the Brooklyn Hospital. Capt. Kirk of Engine Company 105 and six firemen were dragged from a part of the factory facing on Plymouth street. A rear wall had fallen and the back draught caused thereby knocked them off their feet. Every one was scorched somewhat, but revived quickly on reaching the street.

Gen. Edward L. Molineux is a member of the paint firm and has sole charge of the Brooklyn factory. He reached the fire early, accompanied by his son Leslie. The General said the plant was insured for \$240,000, but that the damage was much more than that. He estimated the damage conservatively at \$350,000. The damage to the tenements was placed at \$50,000 by Major Thorne of the Salvage Corps. Chief Croker said the total damage was over

\$400,000. The police reserves of five precincts were sent to handle the crowd that rushed to the fire. Inspector Wiegand was in charge. The fire served to clear up a robbery mystery that has troubled the Fulton street police for some time. Mary Rolla lived in the tenement house at 44 Hudson street. She is in the Brooklyn Hospital, having

recently undergone an operation. Detectives Murray and Ford have been watching the house for her return. Mary was suspected by them of having robbed Mrs. Francis Whaley of 251 Kosciusko street of considerable jewelry and silverware, where she had been employed as a servant. When Chief Croker ordered the tenements cleared the two sleuths rushed up and arted Mary's trunk to the station. They said late last night they had found the missing stuff.

MME. GADSKI'S LOST BROOCH.

Mother of Boy Who Found It Reluctant to Give It Up Without Reward.

Mme. Gadski of Herr Conreid's company at the Metropolitan Opera House may recover this morning the \$300 diamond butterfly brooch she lost on Thursday night, and which was found by the tenyear-old son of Mrs. Samuel Allen of 109 West Fifty-third street. Mrs. Allen declined to give up the jewel until it had been

properly identified and the reward paid. Henry Tauscher, Mme. Gadski's husband, went to the West Side police court and got a summons from Magistrate Whiteman for Mrs. Allen. She appeared in court with a lawyer, who said he thought his client had a lien on the brooch.

"It is lost property," said the Magistrate. You must return it or I will order a charge of larceny preferred against your client.

Mme. Gadski will be in court this morning. If she can identify the brooch, she will get it back. Then, if the reward is not paid, Mrs. Allen, through her son, who found the brooch, will sue for the reward.

NO BATHS FOR WILLIAMS BOYS. Town's Water Supply Is So Low That There's Not Enough for Tubs.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 19.-Williams College students have now an opportunity to test the theory of Dr. Robertson of Chicago that bathing is unhealthful. Notices were sent out in Williamstown to-day that until further notice no water from the town supply can be used for bathing

The supply in the town reservoirs is so low that this stringent rule is adopted to save the college town from a water famine in winter. Several of the college students melted snow in washboilers this afternoon for bathing purposes, and sponge baths will be the limit until warmer weather or

LADY LAWYER AND THE COURT. "I'm No General Sessions Lawyer; I Know Some Law." Says Miss Coleman.

Recorder Goff heard argument yesterday between Assistant District Attorney Smyth and Lawyer Mary Coleman as to whether a man can commit perjury after taking an oath, if he has not been put into the proper frame of mind to realize the solemnity of the act. Mr. Smyth cited statutes, so did Miss Coleman.

"Proceed with the trial," said the Recorder after hearing both. He had suspended the trial on Thursday pending argument of this point, so this question was taken to mean that Mr. Smyth had won.

The Recorder had a scene with the lady lawyer and her father, Capt. Hugh Coleman. The Recorder directed Capt. Coleman to withdraw from a place near the witness. Capt. Coleman said that he couldn't hear unless he stood up. Recorder Goff said it was too had that the law didn't take cognizance of the deafness of lawyers. and Capt. Coleman declared that the Recorder shouldn't criticise his physical

Finally, Capt. Coleman and his daughter announced that they would throw up their case. Capt. Coleman donned his coat and Miss Coleman put on her hat and furs. Assistant District Attorney Smyth begged them not to cause a mistrial after three days work, and they decided to stay.

Another tense situation arose when Miss Coleman asked the Recorder to direct a witness to speak louder. The Recorder didn't, and Miss Coleman insisted until

"I know my rights," said she after court. "I'm no General Sessions lawyer. I know some law."

GOT HIS DIAMONDS BACK. Quick Recovery of Rings and Pin Taken From Tony Pastor's Theatre.

Frank Hardman, treasurer of Tony Pastor's theatre, reported to the police on Thursday the loss of two diamond rings and a diamond pin, valued at \$500 each, which he said were taken from a cash box in the office of the theatre. He thought that Joseph Newburger of 403 East Sixteenth street, formerly an usher at Pastor's, might know something about the diamonds. Capt. Gallagher of the East Twenty-second treet station found Newburger at his home. He said that Hardman gave him the diamonds on Wednesday night to make an impression on his best girl, who was going to the theatre with him. He declared that George Farrelly of 231 East Twentyfifth street, and Neil McCarthy of 213 Third avenue, enticed him into an opium joint in Mott street and took the diamonds. Farrelly was arrested and held in Yorkville court for grand larceny. Later Newburger was taken before Kardman, who denied Newburger's story. Newburger and McCarthy were locked up. McCarthy said that Frank Millard of 342 East Nineteenth

Capt. Gallagher and Detective Sergeant Cray arrested Millard at Fourteenth street and Third avenue last night and found on him the two diamond rings and a pawn ticket for the pin, which was recovered

FIRM POLICY IN SANTO DOMINGO. Warships and Men to Be Sent to Stop Outrages on Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 .- Complaints have een made to the State Department by European Governments having extensive interests in Santo Domingo against the outrages committed upon their subjects in that country by the political factions which are constantly at war.

Assurances have been conveyed by Secretary Hay to the Governments from which the complaints emanated that the United States Government contemplates the adoption of a firm policy that will prevent further interference with the interests of foreigners in Santo Domingo.

It is the understanding here, based on hints dropped by members of the Administration, that as soon as the Panama Canal treaty is out of the way an object sson in international manners will be taught to Santo Domingo.

A strong fleet is to be sent to Dominican waters, and it is probable that marines or soldiers will be landed at every place where foreign interests are endangered. No secret is now made of the intention of the Administration to stop the Dominican

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: Steamship Cedric, Liverpool, Feb. 10.

FAMOUS TRAINS TO FLORIDA.
"N. Y. & Fla. Special," 2:10 P. M. "Fla. & West
Indian Ltd.," 9:25 A. M. Unexcelled service via
Pean. & Atlantic Coast Line, 1161 B'way.—Adv.

SEABOARD FLORIDA LIMITED

HOOKER MUST FACE CHARGES

THE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION DECIDES TO ACT.

Committee on Grievances Called to Meet in Albany on Tuesday, March 1-Ernest Huffeut of Ithaca Appointed Chairman and Robert O. Bascom Secretary.

ALBANY Feb. 19 .- Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker must face a tribunal of his peers and meet the charges preferred against him to the State Bar Association by the Bar Association of Jamestown in his home county of Chautauqua. These charges are based on the Bristow report on the post office scandals and the facts alleged existed long after Justice Hooker

ascended the Supreme Court bench. Justice Hooker is a member of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, sitting in Brooklyn, and receives a salary of \$17.500. He was appointed by Gov Odell to that Appellate Division when no vacancy existed, in order that he might get the big salary attached to it.

Justice Hooker and Gov. Odell were members of Congress together and were the guiding spirits in the organization of the "Tape Worm Club," which comprised Representatives in Congress whose appetite for patronage and graft never could be satisfied. Gov. Odell so far seems to have escaped facing a tribunal of his peers, and he has tried hard to protect his friend, Justice Hooker, from investigation at the hands of the State Bar Association.

When the State Bar Association met ere on Jan. 19 and 20, Gov. Odell and Justice Hooker attempted to pack the meeting with officeholding and patronage-seeking attorneys, with a view of squelching the Hooker charges by sending them back to the Jamestown Bar Association without action, but they did not reckon on the presence at the meeting of William B. Hornlower of New York city, who has done much to uphold the integrity of the bench and the bar in his county.

On account of Mr. Hornblower's eminent position at the bar, it has been suggested that the grievance committee of the State Bar Association solicit his services in its investigation of the Hooker charges. This committee has been called to meet in Albany on March 1 to consider these charges. The following notice was issued to-day by Secretary Frederick E. Wadhams of the State Bar Association:

Richard L. Hand, president of the Nev York State Bar Association, has appointed Ernest W. Huffcut of Ithaca, a member of the committee on grievances of that association the committee on grievances, and Robert the Fourth Judicial district, secretary of the committee, and has requested the secretary of the association to call a meeting of the committee on grievances at Albany on Tues day, March 1, 1904

It is expected that the communication eceived by the association from the Bar Association of Jamestown relative to certain charges against Mr. Justice Hooker will be brought before the committee on grievances at this meeting. Mr. Huffcut, who has bee appointed chairman of the committee, has en active in the affairs of the New York State Bar Association for many years and prominent in those of the American Bar Association, and is at present the dean of the lay school at Cornell University.

The proceedings of the grievance committee will not be public, as section 8 of the constitution of the State Bar Association says that they "shall be deemed confidential and kept secret, except so far as written or printed reports of the same shall be neces

sary and officially made to the association. The grievance committee comprises three members from each of the judicial districts as follows:

First District—George S. Coleman, R. Burnham Moffatt and Theodore M. Taft. Second District—Leander B. Faber, Fred erick E. Crane and William J. Youngs.

Third District-Jacob L. Ten Eycke, Seymour Van Santvoord and Russeil M. Johnson Fourth District-Frederick G. Paddock, John H. Burke and Robert O. Bascom. Fifth District-H. W. Bentley, D. A. Pierce

and S. C. Huntington. Sixth District-Ernest W. Huffcut, Rollin W. Meeker and James Dougherty. Seventh District—John Desmond, R. R.

Durfee and Selden S. Brown Eighth District-Simon Fleischmann, Clinton B. Gibbs and J. H. Metcalf.

The constitution of the State Bar Association, in defining the duties of the committee on grievances, says that whenever a complaint is presented to the committee. the chairman shall "refer the same to a sub-committee of not less than three members of the committee residing in the district where the person complained of resides, or an adjoining district, and the secretary will transmit to them the complaint and notice of such reference." It

The sub-committee, after hearing the case will transmit the pleadings and evidence and their conclusions thereon to the secreto the committee at the next meeting thereof. The committee will thereupon proceed to consider the same, and may hear the parties and their counsel and make their decisions, or may refer the matter for further investigation to the same or another sub-committee. And if, upon consideration, they find the complaint or any material part of it to be true, they will so report to the association, with their recommendation in the premises and in their discretion, upon request of eithe party, they may also report the evidence or any portion thereof. The association will take such action on the report as they pelled unless by vote of at least two-thirds of the :nembers present and voting.

LEFT ALL TO HER LAWYER.

Gen. Kneeland Sole Legatee of Miss

Schwartz, Who Was Burned to Death. The will of Henrietta Schwartz, who was found burned to death in her apartment at 8 East Forty-second street on Wednesday last, was filed for probate yesterday by her executor and lawyer, Gen. S. F. Kneeland. He is also her sole legatee, the will containing no reference to her mother, Mrs. Sophie Schwartz, her five brothers, her sister, a nephew or two nieces. Gen. Kneeland estimated the estate at \$10,000 in personal and \$3,500 in real prop-

The will, executed on March 3, 1896, says I give and bequeath all my property, real and personal, to Stillman Foster Kneeland of 300 Broadway, in consideration for his kindness to me when my own relations refused to show ordinary affection and duty toward their own. I desire my body to be cremated and that a fitting monument be placed over my ashes in Salem Fields Ceme-tery, connected with the Temple Emanu-El, at a cost of \$1,000.

R. H. MACY & CO.'S Restaurant is the largest, lightest and best ventilated in the city. Table d'Hote Breakfast and Luncheon—good cooking and quick service—s A. M. to 6. P. M.—Adv. JUDGMENT FOR CHIEF CROKER Filed Against ex-Commissioner Sturgis,

Who Dismissed Him From Office. Judgment for \$3,060 against ex-Fire Commissioner Thomas Sturgis in favor of Fire Chief Edward F. Croker was filed yesterday with the County Clerk. Chief Croker re-

fused to talk about it last night. A recent decision of the Court of Appeals held, in effect, that an official who has been wrongfully dismissed from office may recover his back pay from the official who wrongfully dismissed him.

It was Mr. Sturgis who dismissed Croker M'CLELLAN TAKING A REST. Shows His Wife Around City Hall Before

Starting for Lakewood. . Mayor McClellan went to Lakewood yesterday for a short vacation. He will return to this city on Tuesday. Mrs. McClellan, who accompanied her husband, met the Mayor at the City Hall. It was the first time that she had been there, and before they started for the train the Mayor showed her through the building, explaining its many interesting and historic features.

MAYOR IN THE SIGN BOARD ROW. He's Asked the Corporation Counsel if He

Has Power to Remove Them Mayor McClellan has taken a hand in the rumpus stirred up by the Municipal Art Society on the plastering of advertising posters on the fence around the new library at Fifth avenue and Forty-second street. "I have asked the Corporation Counsel. said the Mayor yesterday, "to advise me

as to the power resting either with myself or the Municipal Art Commission to order the removal of these posters. I doubt if the Art Commission has the right to order the removal of anything after it has been put up, however unsightly. If it had that power it might order the removal of any public building after deciding that

Park Commissioner Pallas still believes that proper advertisements painted in light colors must be as agreeable to the people of the neighborhood as the dark green board fence during the time the library is in course of construction."

"TWASN'T I," SAYS CANFIELD. A Voice, Said to Be His, Denies That He Got "The Kid's" Roll.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 19.-Richard A. Canfield apparently objects to the insinuation that it was in his gambling house that the "half drunken kid," referred to by District Attorney Jerome, lost \$405,000 in five nights. Some one supposed to be Mr. Canfield called a local newspaper office by telephone this morning and the following conversation resulted:

"This is Richard A. Canfield. There was story published in your paper this morning and in the New York papers about a young man losing \$405,000 in a week in a New York gambling bouse. Now, I want to say that any reference or implied reference to me or to my place that may be in that story is absolutely without foundation, and I want to deny it."

"Suppose we send a man to interview you, Mr. Canfield?"

"No. I don't care to be interviewed. All I want is that the story may be denied so far as it may be taken to refer to me ' Where are you now, Mr. Canfield?

"I refuse to see any reporter. I don't care to be interviewed on the matter at all I authorize you to make the denial emphatic and absolute. There is no truth in any reference to me anywhere in that story. At that the telephone communication was broken.

DISTRIBUTING ITS TYPE Huge Task Preliminary to the Publication of a New Chinese Paper.

The Chinese Reform News is the name of sixteen-page weekly newspaper which will be published in this city by the Reform party of China. Prof. Tong Chew, who s to be the editor, was formerly professor in the Tai Hong Hock Yoen College in Yokohama.

The purpose of the paper will be to continue the campaign for Government reforms in China. It was the intention of Prof. Tong Chew to issue the first number on Monday, the Chinese New Year, but the printing was delayed by the slow work of filling the type cases. Six Chinese compositors have been busy with this work for three weeks and there are still several thousand characters to be distributed.

A circular issued by the professor says "We will publish from time to time editorials by our great leader, the Hon. Tong You Wai, late adviser to the Chinese Em peror, and his daughter, Miss Tong, who is now attending school in Hartford, Conn.

"We have in the United States eightysix reform associations, forty-eight in Canada, and forty in foreign countries. Our total membership is more than 2,000,000 of the most progressive, civilized, educated and wealthy Chinese."

SUES F. H. COOPER FOR \$250,000. Inventor Says He Was Shut Out of \$1,000, 000 Company.

MINEOLA, L. I., Feb. 19. - Frank H. Cooper, formerly of Siegel Cooper Company of Chicago and New York, was defendant to-day in a suit for breach of contract brought by Jacob H. Roberts, as assignee for Charles C. Snyder and William D. Beem The action is for \$250,000. The trial is before Justice Martin J. Keogh in the Supreme

Snyder and Beem claim they were practically frozen out of a \$1,000,000 corporation in which they and Mr. Cooper vere interested. The breach of contract is that although it was originally agreed that Frank H. Cooper, Snyder and Beem were to be the directors, Mr. Cooper put in his two sons as directors after casting a controlling interest of the stock to make the board of directors consist of five instead of three. This, the plaintiff claims, placed the management of the concern in the hands of the Coopers. It is further alleged that immediately after they were supplanted in control of the directorate things were so managed that the concern went through bankruptcy and eventually landed in the sole control of the Coopers, Beem and Snyder being frozen out.

A Great Train to Florida. The Southern's Palm Limited, via P. R. R. and Southern Ry. The punctual performance of the excellent schedule and superbeguipment account for the superfor patronage of this train. Two other fast trains daily. N. Y. Offices, 271 and 1150 Broadway.—Ads.

Deerfoot Farm Sausages Made of the tender meat of little pigs and choice spices. You have never tasted perfect sausage unless you have tried them. Beware of imitations.—Adv.

SLAPPED THE CONSUL'S FACE.

WILL M. PESOLI CHALLENGE MR. BOYER TO A DUEL?

That's What Philadelphia Clubmen Wonder-Row Started in a War Argument -- Diplomat Must Have Reparation or He's Dead Politically, Friend Says. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19 .- A quarrel be-

ween Edward A. Pesoli, the French Consul in this city, and Henry K. Boyer, former Superintendent of the United States Mint, which took place early this morning, is the topic of conversation in the promi nent clubs. A dispute over the Japanese-Russian war caused the altercation, which ended with ut either man being hurt, although Consul Pesoli felt much offended. The incident

occurred at the Art Club, on Broad street. of which Mr. Bover and Consul Pesoli are members. Mr. Boyer, in giving his version of the affair, said that Mr. Pesoli and he were part of a group that assembled at the clubhouse on Thursday evening. A discussion was begun about the Russian-Japanese war, and as everybody in the party felt disposed to argue the probable result of the clash in the Far East, chairs were drawn closer together and cigars

lighted. The former Mint Superintendent ook the Japanese side of the controversy and, in expressing his opinion of Russia Mr. Boyer extended his remarks so as to include France as an ally of Russia. This at once attracted the attention of M. Pesoli, who remonstrated. "I wasn't going to stop on that account,

said Mr. Boyer to his friends, "so I kept right on, and after I had given my opinion of the Russian fleet I added that the Russian Army didn't amount to much, or the French Army either, for that matter.

"Right there M. Pesoli stopped me and called me a liar. I looked him over a minute and took my gloves from the table and slapped him across the face with them. Then, before anything else could happen the other men separated us and we both left the clubhouse.

To one of the leading lawyers of Phila delphia Mr. Boyer added that he didn't know what M. Pesoli would do, but feared something serious might follow the lively termination of the war debate.

M. Pesoli was seen in regard to the affair at the office of the French consulate. When asked in regard to Mr. Boyer's story, the Consul said:

"What is it you wish to ask?" "It is stated that Mr. Boyer struck you in the face with his gloves at the Art Club."

"Well?" "What is going to happen?"
"What should happen?"

"In France it is fairly certain what would nappen, but here in America no one seems willing to guess," suggested the reporter. "You must draw your own conclusions," replied the Consul. "I cannot discuss the

private affairs of Mr. Boyer and myself." Throughout the interview M. Pesoli's face was grave and his manner repressed It was plearly evident that he is not disposed to take a jocular view of the situaion. One of the Consul's friends, in expressing himself regarding the affair,

"To a man in M. Pesoli's official position the incident, as related to me among others by Mr. Boyer, is a serious affair. If, for instance, it should become known in France out demanding reparation, his political career would be quickly ended. The story is certain to get to France sooner or later and he must be able to show that he ob tained satisfaction, no matter what the conditions may have been to lessen the gravity

of the reported offence. "M. Pesoli is a man who has the ability and the opportunity to go high in official circles of his country, and it is the necessity he will be under to preserve his personal dignity that gives a serious tinge to what would otherwise be a trivial incident and one easily explained. I have grave doubts i. the end of the matter has been reached."

3 SHOT IN POOLROOM RAID. Gun Fight Follows Citizens' Attack on

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.-Two pitched battles were fought this afternoon between a citizens' posse of Madison, Ill., and the police-protected patrons of the poolroom during which over 100 shots were fired and

three persons wounded, none fatally. Constable Glais and a posse of fifty citi zens undertook to serve warrants for five men engaged in selling pools on the races. As the posse approached the building in which the poolroom was running it was confronted by about 100 men, armed with

revolvers, drawn up in battle array. It is said that the frequenters of the place opened fire on the posse, who returned it. In this, the opening skirmish,

two men were wounded, one seriously. The posse forced its way into the hous and were ordered to withdraw by Police man McCambridge. Bookmakers and sheet writers, who had been busily at work jumped from their chairs and lined up revolvers in hand, at the railing. Shots were then exchanged. There was a wild scramble for places of exit and the posse was soon in possession of the room. bookmakers and sheet writers were locked

There has been trouble all winter be tween the citizens of Madison and the officials under whose protection the poolroom was operated. Repeated attempts have been made to secure indictments by the Grand Jury, but they all failed.

KILL THE "NEAR SIDE" CAR RULE Merchants Call on the Aldermen to Remedy

a Dangerous Nulsance. At the next meeting of the Aldermen the Merchants' Association will ask for the repeal of the "near side" car ordinance. The association will urge that the stopping of cars on the near side of a crossing compels passengers to walk through slush and mud and that there is danger to passengers alighting from cars forty feet or more from a crosswalk, because drivers are not on the lockout for pedestrians there.

John T. McCall, the Tammany leader of the Aldermen, said recently that the "near side" rule was favored by the association The association sent a letter to Mr. McCall yesterday showing that it is not, and any way experience has already shown that the regulation is undesirable.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 19 .- The Cunard Steam ship Company announces that it has con-tracted for a turbine vessel of 12,000 tons. It is believed that the steamer will be used in the Boston-Mediterranean service

DYNAMITE CAR BLOWS UP.

Wrecks a Train and Kills More Than 20 Outright-Many Are Injured. SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 19 .- Many were killed as the result of the explosion of a

of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Twenty bodies have been recovered thus far. The dynamite car exploded at Jackson, eighty-five miles from Ogden. Between twenty and twenty-five were killed outright and about thirty were injured. Many

women and children are among the dead

and wounded. A special train with sur-

geons and nurses has gone to the scene

from Ogden.

FIRE ALARMS TO WIN POOLS. Gambling on Box Numbers Has Caused

15 False Calls in Salem SALEM, Mass., Feb. 19.-Pools on the number of the next box from which a fire alarm is to sound, is said by Chief Engineer Arnold of this city to have been the cause

of fifteen false alarms last year. For years Salem people have had a passion for gambling on fire alarms. Some of the restless spirits here have conceived the idea of making pools on the fire alarm boxes and then ringing in a false alarm when the pool was worth the trouble.

Some years ago it was quite the thing for firemen to form pools for this purpose contributing 10 cents or a quarter each. The Chief Engineer and the City Marshal have tried to reach the person who sounded the false alarms, but they have been unable to fasten the offence on any one.

FROZEN TO DEATH NEAR HOME. School Teacher Found Dead, Clad Only in Her Nightgown and Stockings.

ITHACA, Feb. 19 .- Miss Jane Kratzer, chool teacher of Lansing, a town north of here, was last night found frozen to death, clad only in a nightgown and stockings. The Coroner is unable to decide whether she was walking in her sleep or whether she was seized with a fit of insanity. The window in her room in the second story of her home had been raised, but whether the woman jumped or fell to the ground below is not known. Her body was found about a hundred feet from the

Miss Kratzer was of a bright and cheerful disposition, and nothing strange in her manner was noticed when she retired. Relatives, however, say that about twenty years ago she was seized with a brief fit of insanity as the result of falling while skating.

SAME OLD JAM, BUT BIGGER. Three Cars Afire Add Some Picturesque ness to Bridge Scene.

The Bridge police had their hands full last evening with a jam caused by a block of Ridgewood trains in Brooklyn. None came over the Bridge for an hour, and to regulate the crowd Capt. Murtha took ten men from the loops and roadway and rushed them up to the platforms. After that passengers were allowed up only at intervals.

Then the trolley service gave out. A number of trucks got stuck on the slippery incline of the south roadway and delayed the trolleys, causing a series of short blocks. Three cars took fire in quick succession near the Brooklyn end of the Bridge. One of them burst into flames. The passengers poured out into the roadway while the crew of the car put out the fire with sand and snow.

NEGRO BURNED AT THE STAKE. Arkansas Mob Takes Vengeance for Mur-

der of a Wealthy Planter. LITTLE ROOK, Ark., Feb. 19.-Glenco Bays, a negro hunted down by a mob, was burned at a stake early to-day near Crossett. He was charged with the murder of J. D. Stephens of Ashley county. Stephens, a wealthy planter, had a few words with Bays yesterday. Later the negro secured a shotgun and killed Stephens at close range. The negro then beat the

body with the gun and escaped. Bloodhounds were brought on a special train from Lake Village. They traced the murderer to his father's house, where the negro was found hiding in a well. A mob, several hundred strong, dragged out the murderer, who confessed. hands and feet tied, he was bound to a stake in his father's yard and slowly burned

SCATTER HIS ASHES ON RIVER. Societies Will Sing While the Last Wish

of C. A. Knauss Is Fulfilled. PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 19.-The ashes of Charles A. Knauss, a printer, who died in this city last Saturday and whose body was cremated, will be thrown from the Passaic Falls bridge into the river some time next May. This was Knauss's last

The Germania, Arion and other singing societies, of which he was a member, wil render appropriate music as the ashe are cast into the river

Christopher Groetsch, proprietor of the Germania Assembly Rooms, has charge of all the arrangements of this unique funeral The ashes are in his possession and he will keep them until the date set for the cere-

DENVER GIRL'S BIG LEGACY. the Will Get the Estate of Mrs. Morse Whose Daughter She Resembled.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 19 .- Miss Vivette

Herschade, a Denver girl, has been notified

Mrs. Robert M. Morse, a wealthy Boston widow, two years from now, when she is 21. Miss Herschade's father died several years ago, and in 1900 her mother, who had married again, sent her to Boston to study music. There she met Mrs. Morse's daughter, whom she greatly resembled. Miss Morse died and the mother became

fortune to the Denver girl. THE ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION. It Has Located a Deep Sea of the Almos

so deeply attached to Miss Herschade.

owing to the resemblance, that she left her

Uniform Depth of 2,500 Fathoms. Washington, Feb. 19 .- John Barrett United States Minister to the Argentine Republic, has informed the State Department that the Scotia scientific expedition, sent to the Antarctic from Sootland to make meteorological and oceanographical observations, cruised about five thousand miles to the south and east of the South Orkney Islands, between longitude 16 degrees west and 45 degrees west and as far south as 70 degrees 25 minutes, and in this region located a deep sea of an almost uniform depth of 2,500 fathoms. The deepest sounding was 2,739 fathoms, or 16,434 feet.

FIGHTING DELAYED

PRICE TWO CENTS.

car of dynamite on the Ogden-Lucin cutoff Snowstorms in Corea May Half

the Campaign.

NO TRACE OF JAPAN'S ARMY

Russian Scouts Report Field Clear to Ping Yang.

Censorship at Tokio Again Rigidly Inc posed-Nothing About Disposition of the Troops Allowed to Get Out-Mile peror Receives Russian Flag Cautured at Chemulpho-City Holds Fee tival in Honor of Englishmen Who Brought Cruisers From Genoa-Russia Saves Gunboat Mand tur From Canture by Displantling Her at Shanghal -Port Arthur Reported Quiet.

Japan successfully maintains secrecy as to the coming military campaign. The censor permits news to come from Tokic of the presence of Russians south of the Yalu in Corea, but movements of the Japanese Army are carefully hidden.

St. Petersburg has reports from the scouts of the Russian advance guard, which have not yet met the enemy. The Russians say there are no Japanese at Pingyang.

Snowstorms and cold weather in northern Corea are expected to delay military opera-

Tokio had a festival yesterday in honor of the English sailors who brought the two Argentina cruisers purchased at Genoa safely to Japan. The Emperor will reward the officers with decorations.

Vienna has a rumor of another Russian disaster, the drowning of three regiments in Lake Baikal

RUSSIAN SCOUTS OUT IN COREA. No Clash Yet With Japanese-No Recent Attacks on Port Arthur. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19 .- Major-Gen. Pflug, Admiral Alexieff's Chief of Staff. telegraphs that scouts of the Tchita Regiment report from Tserchu that they have not encountered any Japanese. It is also stated that there are no Japanese at Pingvang. The Corean populace is indifferent toward the Russians.

is not strong and the natives say that it will begin to drift if a high tide occurs within five days. The sea to the west of the Liaotung Peninsula is covered with ice for a distance of two versts.

The ice in the middle of the Yalu River

lately. There have been no further attempts to destroy the railway.

CZAR ANGRY AT BEING MISLED. Advisers Hid Japan's Real Attitude and Russia's Unreadiness for War.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 20.-Advices from St Petersburg, chiefly mailed, indicate that the Government is aroused to strenuous energy for the purpose of offsetting the initial disasters and securing ultimate success. A large part of its efforts are apparently directed to making more efficient the Siberian Railway for the forwarding of men, guns and equipments, but, if reports from Russian sources are reliable. the cost of making the ill-fated railroad effective is enough to bankrupt a mod-

erately prosperous country. Work on the warships building at Russian dockyards is said to be humming with feverish haste. Among the indications of Russia's alleged unpreparedness to meet such an invasion as the Japanese threaten is one that can be quoted from a Kcenigsburg correspondent, who received his information from what he says is an unimpeachable Russian source. He says that Gen. Kouropatkin, Minister of War, has presented a report to the Czar respecting the need of artillery in the Far East. Heavy guns are urgently required, but are difficult to procure owing to the world's declaration of

The Czar objected, saying that Gen. Vanoffsky had assured lim that artillery had been amply provided. Gen.Kouropatkin replied that, no matter what Gen. Vanofisky had said, the facts were as he (Gen. Kouropatkin) stated, whereupon his Majesty upbraided the Minister, but Gen. Kouropatkin pleaded that all had regarded war as not merely improbable but impossible. His Majesty then gave utterance to his

Other reports declare that the Czar is bitterly incensed because wrong information was given to him concerning the attitude and preparedness of Japan.

extreme displeasure and disappointment.

The victims of his displeasure include Count Lamsdorff, the Foreign Minister; the Ambassadors at London and Washington, the Minister at Tokio, Gen. Kouropatkin and Prince Khilkoff, Minister of Railways.

Nervousness and pessimism are declared to be the prevailing notes among a large section of the public. The Viedomosti deplores this, and appeals for calmness and determination, giving warning that much greater reverses than have occurred may well be expected. These must be met with fortitude and patience, ultimate victory being assured.

There does not seem to be any diminution of the discontent among the peasantry or of the activity among the revolutionary workers. It is reported that these are being roughly repressed. It is stated